

**REMARKS**

Claims 18 to 39 are pending in the application. The Examiner holds that the claims are directed to distinct species relating to mixing surface and mixing apparatus and further that the species are independent or distinct because of the different materials of the mixing surfaces and the different forms of the mixing apparatus.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the following disclosed species for prosecution on the merits: where the material of the mixing surface is gold and where the form of the mixing apparatus is a rotor stator.

Claims 18 to 26, 28, and 30 to 39 are identified as encompassing the elected invention.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believe that all issued raised in the present Office Action are responded to and that the claims are in condition for examination.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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